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1. Please provide comments on the following:

GOAL 1: PREVENTING, FINDING, AND STOPPING ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN FACILITIES.

PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS:

1. Conduct systemic investigations at private secured facilities and psychiatric rehabilitation treatment facilities.
2. Investigate suspected abuse, neglect, and exploitation in facilities or by a service provider.
3. Use monitoring authority to ensure appropriate treatment of residents in: children's nursing homes, mental health facilities, nursing facilities, private psychiatric facilities, sheltered workshops, educational settings, waiver settings, and juvenile detention centers.

It should be a priority to investigate abuse and neglect when a report is made. It should not matter if the information is historical in nature, most likely it is still occurring. Especially if there's exploitation involved. The mental health of people with disabilities involved with emotional trauma should be a priority. The pandemic should not have had any effect on the ability for an investigation to occur.

2. Please provide comments on the following:

GOAL 2: BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND ENSURING SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO ENSURE EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN SOCIETY.

PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS:

1. Provide individual legal advocacy to ensure the protection of rights for individuals with disabilities in the areas of self-determination, health care, abuse and neglect, discharge from institutions, civil rights, education, employment, justice, and voting
2. Provide individual or systemic advocacy relating to policies or practices around COVID-19, including long-term consequences from those policies and practices.
3. Oversee the implementation of a plan for a systemic approach to prevent unnecessary guardianships by increasing the use of supported decision making and other options for supporting independence and self-determination in adulthood.
4. Continue to conduct impact litigation in the areas of housing, unnecessary institutionalization, and corrections.

There should be a system in place to make sure that people with disabilities needs are adequately being met. The pandemic should not have had any effect on the ability for investigations to occur regarding these priorities. When someone with a disability asks for help, they should be able to get help without any interference. When an advocate for someone with disabilities ask for protection it should be granted. Education should be used instead of punishment so the person with disabilities learns from their action instead of possibly not understanding the consequences of their actions. There should be significant penalties for those who abuse, neglect, exploit and interfere with the proper protection for those with disabilities.

3. Please provide comments on the following:

GOAL 3: EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BY SERVING AS A PARTNER IN RIGHTS ISSUES, PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR SELF-ADVOCACY AND BY BRINGING AWARENESS THROUGH OUTREACH TO SOCIETY TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION.

PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS:

1. Provide easily accessible pathways to the public for the purpose of contacting IDR for advocacy needs, and distribution of information, referrals, and resources to individuals.
2. Expand the professional image, credibility, and distribution of resources through the strategic use of digital and traditional media, development of relevant, accessible resources, and implementation of an inclusive outreach program.
3. Support the self-advocacy movement in Indiana through continued collaboration with self-advocates on voting initiatives, supported decision-making and other activities that align with the mission of IDR.
4. Increase participation in the local, state and federal policy process including the monitoring of emerging trends in the area of disability rights, the use of strategic collaborations with other organizations, and educating legislators and policymakers regarding the impact of policies on people with disabilities.

The consequences of not having these protections in place are life-altering. It hinders the ability for positive outcomes, negatively affects a person's mental, emotional, social and economic well-being.

4. Please provide any additional comments below.

There should be extra protections in place for disabled veterans. There should be adequate resources available to those who fought for those rights.